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ANACS authenticates 1971-D Kennedy struck on a 40% silver
planchet transitional error discovered by John Veach. Details on
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"My 2 Cents"

Mitch Ernst
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"If you come to a fork in the road, take it."

— Yogi Berra 1925-2015

As I work on this issue of the Journal, I have learned of Yogi Berra's passing. Major league all-star, coach and humorist. The latter, I don't know if intentional or not, but we all enjoyed his sense of humor. The quote above is interesting because it is taken from Yogi giving someone directions to his house. The irony is, no matter what fork you took, it would take you to his house.

Sometimes collecting is like that. No matter what direction you take, you find what your looking for. That has been the case in my experience. Even though my email begins with the play on words, *nuMitchmatist*, I know I have a long way to go. But the roads I have taken in the hobby have always seemed to lead me in the right direction.

This past August both my son and I were the proud recipients of some very special awards by the ANA at the World's Fair of Money in Chicago. Reports on those recognitions can be found on pages 16 and 17.

Omaha Coin Club and Lincoln Numismatic Society both held shows with less than pleasing results as far as public turn out was concerned. Reports on those shows can be found on pages 6,7 and 10. The Wyo-braska show report is a different story as Larry Gibbs relays the results of their show on pages 8 & 9.

John Veach made an unusual discovery while at work in Wy-

more at Marshall's Coin Shop when a 1971-D Kennedy half didn't look quite right to him. After a body bag at PCGS, an electronic analysis at Lincoln Coin and Bullion and a check of it's weight on a digital scale ANACS certified the piece as a "transitional error" being minted on a 40% silver planchet instead of the correct copper nickel one. Way to go John! That story can be found on pages 20 and 21.

NNA member Lee DeBevoise is teaching a class on coin collecting at Southwest Community College in Milford this fall. Information on his class is on page 23.

As 2015 winds down we can look back on our accomplishments, our missed opportunities and our good fortune. We can also think back on those people who were mainstays in the hobby here in Nebraska that have passed. J. Roger Bolz passed away last July after a long illness and recent fall. Known as Mr. Nebraska Token, Roger will be missed for his knowledge. I will always remember Roger as being the first person to welcome us to our first meeting at the Omaha Coin Club. Of course, besides being friendly he had an ulterior motive as he asked, "do you collect tokens?"

2015 has given us a new Nebraska quarter with 60 different (and counting) double dies, a number of great coin shows with opportunities galore. Personally, it has given my son and I some pretty amazing moments that we can only sit back humbly and be thankful for this wonderful hobby and the opportunities we've been given to serve it on so many levels.

2015 is almost gone but as Yogi Berra would remind us, "It ain't over till it's over."

-Mitch





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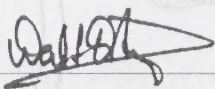
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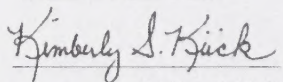
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Editor's note: I received the above award at the World's Fair of Money in Chicago August 11-15, 2015. To put this in perspective; the electronic version of the NNA Journal came in second place out of all the electronic publications ANA club's produced in 2015. When you consider that we were competing against organizations from across the US, this is quite an honor for this organization and its humble editor. My many thanks to those of you who contributed articles and support the NNA through your membership, advertising and pats on the back. -Mitch



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Omaha Coin Club 56th Annual Show

August 1, 2015

by Dave Harper, Editor of Numismatic News. © 2015 Posted on August 3, 2015

I have not been to a coin show in Nebraska since the Central States Numismatic Society convention in 1980 in Lincoln. That is perhaps not surprising given my other travels in the last 35 years. I simply cannot attend every show.

However, what is surprising was a news report that Mitch Ernst was kind enough to send me about the Omaha Coin Club 56th Annual Show on Aug. 1 This kind of show is supposed to be the backbone of organized numismatics where the little guy who doesn't have the time or the travel budget can simply get in his car and be at a show.

Unfortunately, this time, there were fewer than 200 registered attendees. Ernst, who is club president, wrote in an email that the result "disappointed dealers and club officials alike." There were 18 dealers staffing 30 bourse tables.

Was the weather too nice? Is the location inconvenient? Is it low bullion prices? Naturally, all the questions are being asked and Ernst is one of those hands-on club officials doing the asking.

"This is the fourth year we've held our show at this location and time of year, but we've seen a steady decline each year. We have a beautiful venue, but we're going to have to look at our options and determine if a club show is even still viable in Omaha. It's not fair to the dealers that support our club by buying a table at our show to have this low of turnout," Ernst writes.

He might have put his finger on the real reason for the low attendance when he wrote, "The OCC club show also competes with a popular privately run monthly show and a privately run annual show in the Omaha area."

That's a lot of shows.

I expect the club will poll the dealers who take the tables to see how their results were. Sometimes low attendance is offset by a willingness of those who do go to open their wallets. I know I sometimes have an attack of that "see it, gotta have it" impulse when I am looking at coins.

Omaha has a distinguished numismatic history and I am sure whatever the club decides to do with its show in the future will add luster to that history. One person might want to come back to any future show while hoping others will stay away again.

Ernst said Pat Leon Hardt (right) was attending welding classes at the south campus of the Metropolitan Community College when he noticed signs advertising the show. He decided to go. When he arrived he bought raffle tickets for \$20 and won four of eight hourly prizes and a 2011 PCGS MS-69 tenth-ounce gold American Eagle grand prize.



McCoins and Mctiques of Omaha (left) won the dealer appreciation raffle prize of a \$25 gift card for Applebee's®.

Perhaps the moral of this story is no matter what else might happen at a show, always buy raffle tickets.

Buzz blogger Dave Harper is winner of the 2014 Numismatic Literary Guild Award for Best Blog and is editor of the weekly newspaper "Numismatic News."

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9th Annual Wyo-Braska Show

August 29th

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The 9th Annual Wyo-Braska Coin & Stamp Collectors Show took place last Saturday (the 29th) at the Gering Civic Center. The expanded larger show had the best attendance ever with over 180 people attending. Dealers from four states were busy selling & buying from those attending.

There were many positive com-

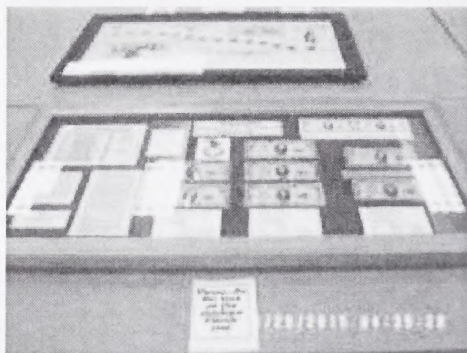


ments about the displays of Russian Coins, the complete set of Oregon Trail Commemorative Half Dollars and the Gering National, Scottsbluff National and American National Bank of Kimball, Nebraska National Currency.

Almost 28 pounds of Stamps, Coins & Foreign Paper Money was donated by attendees and was sent to the Veterans National Stamp & Coin Collec-

tors Club in Tucson, Arizona on Monday. From there it will be distributed to veterans who are interested in the hobbies who are in VA hospitals or homebound across the nation. We are grateful for the generous contributions from those present.

A few dozen under ten years old





collectors received small starter packs of stamps & US & Foreign coins to whet their interest in the hobbies and hopefully encourage another generation of collectors.

The main door prize consisting of a National Park Quarter folder with seven quarters inside was won by young Jacob Trauernicht of Mitchell and the returning attendee door

prize of a 1977 United States Mint Set was won by Mick & Jenell Martinez of Alliance.

Plans for next year's show are already being made with a tentative date of August 28, 2016.



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Lincoln Numismatic Society Annual Show

Sept 13, 2015

The Lincoln Numismatic Society annual coin show was held at a new location this year, featuring a more spacious, well lighted and upscale environment.

Over 20 dealers representing the four-state area participated. Public attendance

was light this year as has been the norm the last few years for many area and national shows. Many dealers commented they believe the inter-



net has really had a negative impact on coin show attendance as many collectors have become accustomed to shopping from home. A memoriam for Roger Bolz was posted for all attendees to see and read, many comments were received (see memoriam insert FYI). One highlight was the silver

eagle drawing held hourly as a show promotion this year and the "Beacon Hills Restaurant" (on premises) special buffet Sunday brunch. Many positive comments were received by the club for a job well done and we look forward to next year!

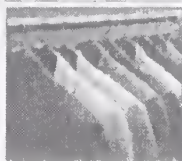
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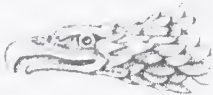
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2015 ANA World's Fair of Money NNA members recognized

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NNA president, Mitch Ernst received the Glenn Smedley Award from the ANA at the 2015 World's Fair of Money for his participation in and promotion of the hobby.

The Award was presented by ANA President, Walt Ostromecki pictured at right.



Ernst also won First Place in the Medal category at the World's Fair of Money for his exhibit, "The Sower, an Enduring Symbol of Hope".





Photo courtesy Charny Harker 2015

NNA member, Sam Ernst, also received a certificate of appreciation for serving as a YN Intern on the ANA board of governors. Sam also received a Presidential Award from ANA President Walt Ostromecki, making Sam the youngest recipient of the award in the ANA's history.

In making the presentation Ostromecki also created the only father and son to both receive the Presidential Award.



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Mitch Ernst also received the award in 2009 in a presentation by then ANA President, Clifford Mishler.

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1971-D Kennedy half Struck on Silver planchet found in Wymore, NE



40 percent silver planchets like the one on which this 1971-D Kennedy silver-copper clad half dollar was struck was last intentionally used at the Denver Mint in 1970 for Uncirculated Mint set strikes.

ANACS has graded and encapsulated as About Uncirculated 50 a 1971-D Kennedy half dollar that was struck on a silver-copper clad planchet instead of the intended copper-nickel clad planchet.

John Veach from Marshall's Coin Shop in Wymore, Neb., said the coin was among circulated coins purchased over the counter.

ANACS senior numismatist Michael Fahey said graders relied on the 40 percent silver 1971-D coin's specific gravity in making the silver-copper clad determination.

The coin's specific gravity is 9.5, close to the standard 9.53 for silver-copper clad, with a weight of 11.44 grams, within tolerance of the U.S. Mint standard 11.5-gram planchet.

Specific gravity for copper-nickel clad is 8.92 and a coin's weight is 11.34 grams.

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The discovery of a 1971-D Kennedy half dollar transitional error, struck on a silver-copper clad planchet rather than the normal copper-nickel clad composition, is evidence

that great finds await discovery

Kennedy half dollars are back in the news, thanks to the discovery of a rare transitional error for the 1971-D Kennedy half dollar, as reported by Paul Gilkes.

Transitional errors generally occur when a mint is making a change in composition. They have a coolness level that is hard to match, particularly since they can be found in circulation when the coin's composition is in the process of being changed, or even discovered years later as with this newly reported piece.

The most famous U.S. transitional errors are the 1943 Lincoln cents struck on copper-alloy planchets from 1942 rather than on the one-year-only zinc-coated steel planchets. Even some in the noncollecting public are at least vaguely aware of the 1943 er-

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rors, though many think the steel cent is the error and not the copper one.

The period from 1964 to 1971 offered ample opportunity for the production of transitional errors for the dime, quarter dollar, and half dollar. The switch from 90 percent silver to copper-nickel clad for the dime and quarter dollar, while not popular with collectors, was a financial necessity. Since production of 1964 and 1965 coins continued well past the ends of those two calendar years, even concurrently, planchets of both compositions were on hand, and not surprisingly, coins of either date were struck on the wrong planchets.

The transition of the half dollar was a two-step process. Silver proponents wanted a "prestige coin" to survive, so the half dollar's alloy was switched to a silver-copper clad composition — with a reduction in silver content to 40 percent from 90 percent. Again, transitional errors became possible as this first switch was made.

By 1970, however, silver's value had risen to the level that even a content of 40 percent was not viable. The last half dollars struck for circulation in a silver alloy were the 1969-D coins. In 1970, no half dollars were struck for circulation, though the 40 percent silver composition was used for the 1970-D coin for the Uncirculated Mint set and for the 1970-S half dollar for that year's Proof set. In 1971, when production of the denomination resumed for circulation, the half dollar was made of the same copper-nickel clad composition as the dime and quarter dollar.

The discovery more than 40 years later of a 1971-D Kennedy half dollar presumably struck on a leftover 1970 silver-copper clad planchet is a reminder that great coins can still be found.

Omaha Coin Club receives National Award for publication

The Omaha Coin Club News, edited by OCC President, Mitch Ernst, received the top honor in this years Outstanding Local Club Numismatic Publication contest sponsored by the ANA.

"When you think about the clubs across the country we were competing against, this is quite an honor." OCC President and editor Mitch Ernst said when he received the award.



Coin Collecting Class to be held at Southwest Community College, Milford, NE Oct 20 and Nov. 4.

NNA member Lee DeBevoise will be teaching Introduction to Coin Collecting and Collecting Coin Errors for Southeast Community College, Milford, Nebraska on Tuesday, Oct. 20 and Nov. 4.

You can find out more about Lee's class by going to Pages 20 and 21 at <https://www.southeast.edu/assets/O/74/87/285/850/4cec212c-6fff-4e16-956b-ef562fc93dbc.pdf> or by contacting my supervisor at the following e-mail: Doris Broz-Clauss (dbroz@southeast.edu).

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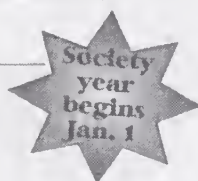
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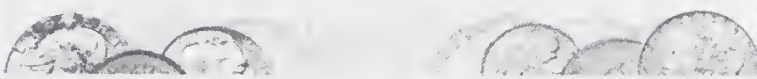
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9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Eagles Club

600 1st Corso Downtown

Nebraska City, NE

●
Fremont Coin Club Annual Coin Show

Sunday May 1st, 2016

Fremont City Auditorium

●
NNA 60th Annual Convention

June 3,4 & 5th 2016

Marina Inn and Conference Center

South Sioux City, NE

Make your plans now to attend

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Nebraska Numismatic Association**Club Directory - Meeting times, locations and mailing address**

Fremont - Fremont Coin Club, 3rd Saturday, The Evangelical Free Church Social Hall, 20th & Lincoln Streets, 7:30 pm.

Grand Island - Grand Island Coin Club, No longer meeting

Lincoln - Lincoln Coin Club, 2nd Thursday, Holmes Lake Apartments Club-house, 7100 Holmes Park Dr. 7:30 pm. P.O. Box 6654 Lincoln, NE 68506-6654

Lincoln - Lincoln Numismatic Society, 1st Thursday, New Victorian Inn, 48th & O St., Lincoln, NE 7:00 pm.

Nebraska City - Nebraska City Coin Club, Meets at Burger King (315 S. 11th St.) at 7:00. The club meets sporadically, so contact mothergoose17@windstream.net for information if anyone interested in club meetings or activities.

North Platte - The North Platte Coin Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the North Platte Senior Center, 900 East 10th, North Platte For information contact: Loren Shimmin (308) 532-9622

Omaha - Omaha Coin Club, 3rd Friday, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office, 8015 West Center Road. 7:30 pm. YN's 7:00 pm. P.O. Box 24913 Omaha, NE 68124-0913

Omaha - SAC/Midwest Coin Club, 1st Tuesday, Millard Roadhouse, 13325 Millard Ave, Omaha, NE , 7:30 pm.

South Sioux City - Siouxland Coin Club, write for information, 901 S. Cecelia, Sioux City, Iowa, 51106

Seward - Nebraska Token Collectors Club, 2nd Sunday, Cattle National Bank, 2:00 pm.

Wahoo - Wahoo Coin Club, 1st Saturday, Saunders County Historical Museum, 240 N. Walnut, 7:30 pm.

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IN MEMORIAM



Roger Bolz, long time numismatist of Lincoln, NE passed away July 11, 2015 following a long illness and recent fall. Born in Lincoln, NE 12/5/1937 (Lincoln Journal Star obit. 7/14/15). Roger was preceded in death by his wife Helen and is survived by a sister, brother and niece; no children. He was an electrician by trade and served in the military in the NE National Guard for many years.

Roger was one of the original founding members of the Lincoln Numismatic Society Coin Club and was an active member and contributor to numerous coin clubs around the state. He was best known in the hobby as an avid "token collector" and was known for his extensive knowledge and contribution in this area and was a co-contributor to the current NE Merchant Trade Tokens books.

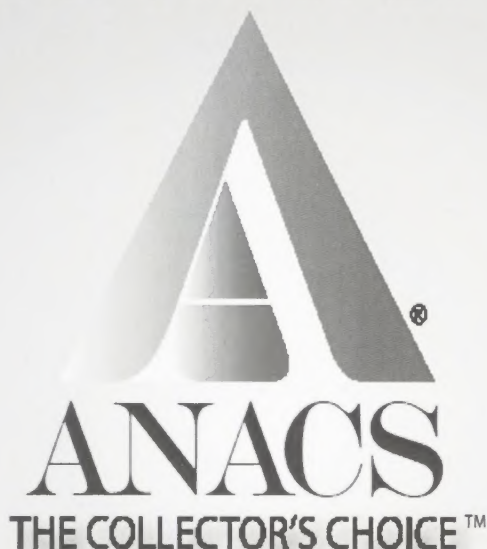
Always humorous, Roger will be missed and always remembered for that local saying he coined - "Got Any Tokens" !

The above was submitted by Lincoln Numismatic Society

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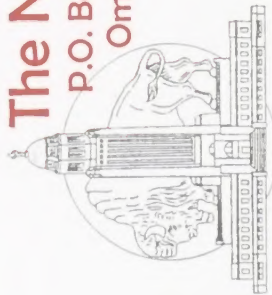
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